

28 February 2005

MEMORANDUM FOR Garrison Commander, United States Army Signal Center and Fort Gordon, Fort Gordon, Georgia 30905-5020

SUBJECT: Meeting of the Fort Gordon Officer and Enlisted Retiree Councils

1. The Fort Gordon Officer and Enlisted Retiree Councils met in joint session at Fort Gordon on 3 February 2005. The purpose of this meeting was to address subjects of interest to Army retirees in the Fort Gordon area of responsibility and to determine if there were matters that should be reported to the Garrison Commander, Fort Gordon, or through her to the Commanding General, Fort Gordon, or through her to the Chief of Staff, Army Retiree Council, and Department of the Army, for consideration.

2. The following Officer and Enlisted Council members were present:

COL (Ret) Everett Greenwood, Co-Chairman	SGM (Ret) Richard Downs, Co-Chairman
COL (Ret) William Mannel	CSM (Ret) James Huggins
COL (Ret) Webster E. Francis, Jr.	CSM (Ret) James Hussey
CPT (Ret) William J. Barnard, Secretary	SGM (Ret) Clyde E. Hyde, Jr.
CW4 (Ret) Boni Buoni	1SG (Ret) Theola B. Melton
Mrs. Nancy Moore	SFC (Ret) Jack Baker
	SFC (Ret) James O. McCormick
	SFC (Ret) Alfred S. Zamora
	PFC (Ret) Karenann Burkhardt-Amster
	Mrs. Betty Dodd

3. The following Officer and Enlisted Council members were absent:

MAJ (Ret) John Anchor	1SG (Ret) Rickey Lumpkin
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4. COL (Ret) Greenwood and SGM (Ret) Richard Downs called the meeting to order at 1030 and welcomed all council members and guests. All council members and installation representatives introduced themselves. COL (Ret) Greenwood welcomed new council member, PFC (Ret) Karenann Burkhardt-Amster.

5. COL Karen Adams, Garrison Commander, presented PSG (Ret) Raymond Sumner with a Commander's Coin and a Public Service Award in appreciation for his 23 years of voluntary service with the Fort Gordon Retiree Council. COL Adams stated that PSG Sumner was an excellent example of a Volunteer who had helped all retirees and their spouses in the Fort Gordon area.

6. LTC Sherri Baker, EAMC Chief of Clinical Health Nurse, shared with the council a Proposed DDEAMC Health Events for the Retiree Appreciation Day. Discussion of various uses of the events listed were made by members of the council. Mrs. Moore suggested that a round-robin type of presentation be made depending upon space and location that would be available and that three or four classes/seminars be given during the morning hours and another three or four events be given during the afternoon hours. After much discussion of the listed health events, it was suggested that LTC Baker return at the next meeting with the events to be presented. Hillary Boyce, Retirement Service Officer (RSO), said that she would contact the proper individuals to reserve classrooms in Darling Hall. It was suggested that maybe a tent could be used outside Darling Hall for some of the EAMC presentations. 1SG (Ret) Theola Melton

suggested someone could contact the Veterans Administration downtown and invite them to participate in the RAD.

7. Yvonne Jones and Diane Jensen, AFFES representatives passed out a list of proposed activities that they were willing to offer at the RAD. They also handed out pens and coupons. Discussions on suggested events included the first one hundred retirees would receive gift bags, drawing for gifts, special sales in the main store serving coffee and cake, recognition of the oldest/youngest retiree contest, shopping cart bingo, and other events to be added later. These proposals were accepted with great enthusiasm by all council members.

8. Mrs. Ayanna Wiggins, Editor of the Observer from MWR, passed out copies of the February issue of the Observer to all present. She accepted the idea of having possible advertisements and notices about RAD in the future issues.

9. COL (Ret) Greenwood and SGM (Ret) Downs brought up the recently raised issue about the retired vehicle rank decals no longer being issued at the Vehicle Registration Office. COL Adams stated that since she has been informed of the importance retirees hold for these, they will begin to issue them again.

10. COL (Ret) Thom Tuckey gave a brief report on the BRAC and talked about the Continental Band's performance to be presented at local Baptist Church. Tickets are free and could be picked up at the Fort Gordon Federal Credit Union and some other various locations.

11. COL (Ret) Greenwood told all guests that they could leave if they so desired. After the guests left COL (Ret) Greenwood began the discussion on RAD committees and plans. Ms. Boyce passed out the committee list and asked members to review and make or add changes as needed. She also passed out the council membership list and asked for any changes. Mrs. Nancy Moore asked if goody bags would be given out this year to all participants. The subject of the guest speaker was discussed and a few individuals were named as a possible speaker to include SGMA (Ret) Jack Tilley and Robert Hall. Ms. Boyce also passed out several copies of the 14 January 2005 issue of the Signal, which included an article about the Fort Gordon Retiree Council. She then proceeded to pass out ballots and biographies for the two officer vacancies. The members then voted on the two officer slots and COL (Ret) Greenwood announced the individuals selected were COL (Ret) Thom Tuckey and CW4 (Ret) Stefanos Kariotis. The By-laws and Council Constitution were discussed very little and it was suggested that the changes be pushed back until the next meeting.

12. COL (Ret) Greenwood thanked all for attending and announced that the next meeting will be on 5 May 2005 at 1000 in the Garrison Commanders' Conference room. Meeting was adjourned at 1232 hours.



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